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Honorable Clarence Cannon, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cannon:

Having in mind the convening of the 86th Congress in the near future, I would like to bring to your attention several thoughts concerning Agency appearances before the CIA Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. As in the past, I shall continue to make myself available to respond to the wishes of the Chairman and the Subcommittee members.

Very early in the coming session, possibly in January, I would like to appear before the Subcommittee to present a briefing which will deal in considerable detail with the Agency's activities, operations, and some of its accomplishments. It is expected that this briefing would last no more than two hours. I suggest that we be permitted to conduct this briefing reserving questions until its completion, at which time I and other members of my staff would be glad to respond to questions.

At the end of this presentation or at another meeting, I would be glad to furnish an intelligence briefing concerning recent events and a general status report. However, it is my belief that a briefing on the Agency itself is highly desirable to enable the Subcommittee members more effectively to judge the progress of the Agency. The scope and content of such a briefing have been

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discussed with Mr. Kenneth Sprankle, Staff Director, House Appropriations Committee. In the meantime, if there is any way the Agency can be of assistance to the Subcommittee, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Honorable Joseph S. Clark
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Senator Clark:

I have your letter of 10 December 1958 requesting advice on the status of the claim for past services in the Office of Strategic Services by Miss [redacted]

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The records of the Office of Strategic Services, which are available to the Agency, have been searched and there is no record of any claim made by Miss [redacted]. Further, those records contain no evidence that Miss [redacted] was ever employed in any capacity by the Office of Strategic Services.

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As indicated to Miss Irma Ehrman of your staff in a recent telephone conversation, this Agency has received a number of letters from Miss [redacted] on various occasions beginning in 1954. Those letters offered advice on a variety of subjects, none of which were within the scope of the Agency's functions. On one subsequent occasion representatives of the Agency called on Miss [redacted] to offer assistance but this visit would not be the cause for a claim for services by her. I am informed that the reactions of members of your staff who have met with Miss [redacted] were similar to those of our representatives and it is believed that assertion of a claim of this type would not be out of character.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a proposed letter to Senator Clark in response to his query about a claim for OSS service by [REDACTED]. There is no basis for the claim although beginning in 1954 we received a number of crackpot letters and eventually Contact representatives saw her and concluded she was an obvious psychotic. I discussed the case with Miss Ehrman in Senator Clark's office who had recently seen Miss [REDACTED] and she volunteered the information that she thought Miss [REDACTED] was a psychotic. Miss [REDACTED] had also visited with the Senator and other staff members in Philadelphia. Miss Ehrman agreed that this type of letter would

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satisfy their requirements.

R. commend signature.

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Legislative Counsel

18 December 1958
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